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DEVICE

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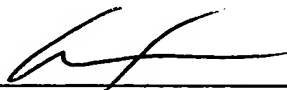
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the  
right of priority based on:

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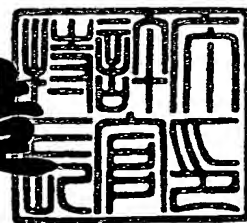
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